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SUBJECT: SMITH SAYS HE WILL NOT DISBAND ARMY

1. PRESS REPORTS THAT SMITH STATED LAST NIGHT, AUGUST 26, IN CAMPAIGN ADDRESS IN WANKIE THAT HE REJECTED REPORTED CONDITION IN ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN WHICH INVOLVED DISBANDING OF RHODESIAN ARMY. SMITH STATED "I FIND IT DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE THAT THESE SUGGESTIONS ARE PART OF THE PROPOSALS IN VIEW OF THE UNDERTAKINGS DR. OWEN GAVE ME. THIS WOULD BE A COMPLETE ABOUT FACE. I BELIEVE THIS SHOWS A LACK OF INTEGRITY AND SINCERITY ON DR. OWEN'S PART." SMITH ALSO SAID THAT HE HAD NO OBJECTION TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG VISITING, PROVIDING IT WOULD BE IN THE INTEREST OF RHODESIA AND THAT DR. OWEN THOUGHT "IT WOULD HELP."

2. IN RELATED EVENT, BISHOP MUZOREWA TOLD PRESS AUGUST 26 THAT "MR. SMITH WILL, AT HIS MEETING WITH MR. UNCLASSIFIED

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VORSTER IN PRETORIA, TRY TO PERSUADE THE SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER TO SUPPORT HIM IN REJECTING THE BRITISH PLAN. INSTEAD, HE WILL PUSH HIS OWN COURSE OF TALKING TO THE BLACK LEADERS OF HIS CHOOSING." MUZOREWA URGED VORSTER NOT TO SUPPORT SMITH'S REJECTION OF THE PLAN.
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